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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: CYPRUS--
THE BOGHAZ-GASTRIA AREA

1. THERE IS MOUNTING EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT
TURKS/TURK CYPRIOTS ARE DEVELOPING A SIGNIFICANT SEAPORT AND
AIRPORT COMPLEX IN THE BOGHAZ-GASTRIA AREA. RESPECTIVE GRID
AND GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES ARE: BOGHAZ; 36S WE 866 085 AND 35
DEG 18 MIN 55 SEC N / 33 DEG 57 MIN 13 SEC E, AND GASTRIA; 36S
WE 910 117 AND 35 DEG 20 MIN 35 SEC N / 34 DEG 00 MIN 07 SEC EM

2. EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSSIBLE AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION
SW OF GASTRIA. THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY SOURCES
EXTERNAL TO CYPRUS. SEPARATELY THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF
PETROLEUM STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN BOGHAZ WAS
REPORTED. THIS INFORMATION REMAINS UNVERIFIED. SUBSEQUENTLY
INFORMATION RECEIVED AND REPORTED THAT GENERAL CARGO HANDLING
FACILITIES ARE ALSO BEING CONSTRUCTED IN BOGHAZ. LACK OF
ACCESS PREVENTS EMBASSY OFFICIALS FROM OBSERVING WHAT IS
ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE IN BOGHAZ-GASTRIA AREA.

3. THESE DEVELOPMENTS APPEAR POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT. FOR
EXAMPLE, THEY COULD BEAR ON TFSC/GOT DECISIONS CONCERNING
TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN A FINAL CYPRUS SOLUTION IN THE
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SENSE THAT RETENTION OF FAMAGUSTA PORT MIGHT NO LONGER BE
VIEWED BY TURKS AS A MILITARY NECESSITY.

4. REQUEST WE BE GIVEN A READOUT FROM OVERHEAD PHOTOGRAPHY
DETAILING THE NATURE AND TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN
THE BOGHAZ-GASTRIA AREA COVERING THE PAST 18 MONTHS TO TWO

YEARS AND BE KEPT INFORMED OF SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.
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